

GREATEST DREDGE IN COUNTY WAS SOLD

Estimated Cost. of Pine Creek Ditch in North and Polk Townships Was \$39,000—Will Reclaim 5,000 Acres of Land for Marshall County.

Bids for the construction of the Pine Creek Ditch, in North and Polk townships, were received in the office of the county surveyor Thursday afternoon. At 3:15 after the bids had been compared and the lowest bidders determined, it was found that one of the bids which was adjudged lowest, was a disqualified bid, and County Surveyor Percy J. Troyer announced that the bids would have to be re-compared and that the result would be announced Friday morning. The bonds of all the bidders, excepting those of Contractors Morris, Flosinzier, Snyder, Hartsock, Kilian, Dillingham and Ipe were returned, it being evident that the successful bids lie within the bids of these contractors.

The Peter Sarber Ditch, better known as the Pine Creek Ditch, which was sold to the lowest bidder Thursday afternoon when finished will constitute the greatest drainage ever established in Marshall county. The Pine Creek ditch, with its thirty-nine contributaries, if placed in length, would constitute one ditch over sixty miles in length. The dredge will constitute the removal of over 275,000 cubic yards of earth, and it is estimated will consume two years in its construction. Three thousand persons are assessed for the construction of this great ditch, which includes every resident of Polk township, excepting twelve sections and also twenty sections of land in North township. The ditch when completed will be the greatest in reclaiming land of any similar dredge in the county. It is estimated that at least five thousand acres of land will be reclaimed from swamp and lowlands to the farmers of Polk and North townships. The estimated cost of the dredge as reported by the construction commissioner Percy J. Troyer was \$39,000 and exceeds by \$16,000 the estimated cost of the great Yellow River Ditch, which will constitute the dredging, and straightening of Yellow river for about ten miles of its length and which latter ditch was sold to contractors a few months ago.

Was Bitterly Contested.

The Pine Creek ditch, was also the most bitterly contested ditch in the history of Marshall county. Over a year ago, Peter Sarber, and forty-nine others, petitioned for the establishment of the dredge. In the February term of the Marshall Circuit Court, the remonstrance against the ditch was tried and the ditch was docketed, and P. J. Troyer appointed commissioner. The work of surveying the proposed dredge, preparing plans and specifications, and levying the great list of assessments, required many months of hard work, in the office of the county surveyor. The work was finally completed, and the report was filed in the Marshall Circuit Court in the December term of the circuit court, last year. The remonstrances against assessments etc., was then tried in the January term of this year, the assessments were equalized by Judge Bernetha in the local circuit court and the assessments were finally confirmed. The progress of the ditch was bitterly fought by farmers heavily assessed by the ditch. An example of the heavy assessments against some of the farmers benefited is that of the township trustee of Polk township, Frank Nash. The Nash farm has an acreage of 290. The ditch will pass through about 300 acres of this land, for which the property is assessed the large sum of \$1700. The assessments vary from this, which is the largest on the list, down to forty cents, which is the minimum assessment, depending upon the benefits which will be derived, the nearness to the ditch, etc.

Large Undertaking.

As stated above, the Pine Creek, with its many tributaries, if stretched in a straight line, would extend over 69 miles in length. The dredging of the creek will begin from the center of section 6 in North township, or about the middle of the west line of the township. From this point the dredge will proceed in a southwesterly direction for about two miles, will make a curve, and

proceed for six miles in a northwesterly direction, thence west 3 miles, and finally northwest for two miles. Nineteen more contributory ditches will be constructed which will vary in length from eight miles, to two miles. The average length of these new ditches will be about three miles. There are at present about ten ditches emptying into Pine Creek which with the new ones called for in the dredge will constitute a total of 29 contributaries.

Bids in Parts.

The bids for the construction of the dredge are in as many parts, as there are parts to the entire ditch. The bidders were required to bid separately on each contributing ditch, and the contract will be allowed to the lowest bidder on each part and not necessarily in whole to one bidder. Bidders from all over this section of the country were in possession of the upper floor of the court house Thursday getting ready for the opening of bids, which was to occur at 1:30 Thursday afternoon. The ditch is a large and expensive one, and the bidding was expected to be close.

The various sections of the Pine Creek ditch in North and Polk townships, were sold Friday the successful bidders being announced at noon Friday. Ananias Ipe of Nappanee was given the contract for the dredge for the sum of \$13,450.00. The next largest section, which was the Pike arm was sold to John Flosinzier of Plymouth, the amount of his bid being \$3250.00. Sections 5, 10, 16 and 17 will be re-dredged as all of the bids exceeded the estimate. Sections 18 and 19 are undecided. The other sections were awarded as follows:

Section 1, Main ditch, John W. Kilian, Nappanee \$716.60; Section 2, Kilian \$720.61; Section 3, Ananias Ipe, Nappanee \$13,450.00. Section 4, John Flosinzier \$735.00. Section 6 Kilian \$232.75. Section 7, Noah Hartsock, Walkerton \$559.60. Section 8, Hartsock \$126. Section 9, Hartsock \$83. Section 11 Kilian \$332. Section 12 Flosinzier \$400. Section 13 Flosinzier \$3250.00. Section 14 Kilian \$848. Section 15 Gus Snyder, Walkerton \$60.00. Section 21 Kilian \$91.

BLAMES MOTHER-IN-LAW.

Alvin Inbody of Donaldson Asks for Separation from Wife Alleging Desertion.

Alvin E. Inbody of Donaldson has filed suit for divorce from his wife Mattie O. Inbody, alleging desertion. In his complaint, filed by Atty. Kellison Tuesday, Inbody avers that he was married to his wife Dec. 21, 1908 and they lived together until January 16, 1910, when she left him and refused to live with him again. Inbody blames his mother-in-law, Mrs. Phoebe Smith for his marital troubles, saying that his wife and her foster mother would get together and hold whispered conversation about him, until finally after the birth of a daughter, his wife, announced that she no longer cared for him and asked permission to return to her mother. This he allowed and his wife refused to return to him.

Matrimonial.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Jones announce the marriage of their daughter Lulu to Arthur Miller of Tyner, Ind., April 9, at St. Joseph, Mich. The bride was attended by Miss Nellie Beagle of South Bend and wore white with pink. She carried white carnations. The ring ceremony was used. The bride was formerly of this place. The groom is a prominent school teacher of Tyner. Mr. and Mrs. Miller will be at home after April 25 at 702 Cushing street, South Bend.—Culver Citizen.

Death of Ed. White.

Edward White, who was born in North township and lived there until a few years ago, died suddenly at his home in North Dakota, Saturday, April 9. His wife was visiting relatives in this county, when she was called home by a telegram announcing his sudden death.

ASKS DAMAGES FROM NICKLE PLATE RY.

MARTIN LOWRY OF UNION TP. FILED SUIT FOR DAMAGES CAUSED BY SPARKS.

Says Fire from Locomotive Ignited Brush Causing Damage of His Premises on Sept. 22, 1908.

By his attorney Charles Kelton, Martin Lowry, a well known farmer of Union township has brought suit against the N. Y. & St. Louis Railroad company for damages asking for \$700. Lowry alleges that sparks from locomotives on the Nickel Plate Railroad set fire to brush on the railroad adjacent to his farm, resulting in destruction of his property in the amount, named in the complaint.

Death of Mrs. William Wilburn.

Mrs. Wm. Wilburn died at her home six miles west of Plymouth Sunday evening at 9 o'clock, after an illness of only a few hours. She was 56 years of age at the time of her death. She is survived by her husband, and one son, Wm. Kreighbaum, who resides at South Bend. Three sisters Mrs. Joseph Miller of Argos, Mrs. John Witwer of Chicago and Mrs. Thomas Berlin of Rutland and one brother Asa Wickizer of Quinter Kas., are the other immediate relatives.

Rebecca Wickizer was born in Ohio, on May 6th, 1854, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Asa Wickizer. When sixteen years of age, she came to Marshall county and has resided here, practically for the past fifty years. Sixteen years ago she was married to Wm. Wilburn. Since their marriage they have resided on a farm west of Plymouth.

The funeral was held at the residence Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock, leaving at that time for the Dunkard church. Interment at the Dunkard cemetery.

Death of A. W. Jones.

A. W. Jones died at the home of his sister Mrs. Caroline Craig Wednesday night after an illness of long duration from tuberculosis. He was 60 years of age at the time of his death. He is survived by a wife, and two sons, Frank C. of Plymouth and Aaron of Dunkirk, O., and one daughter Mrs. Mary Tenney of Plymouth. He was born in Dunkirk, O., and came to this city, about ten years ago. He has made his home with Mrs. Craig since last February. His first wife died at Dunkirk. In 1902 he was married to Elvia J. Gilman, who is now an inmate of the Logansport asylum.

The funeral was held at the home of Mrs. Craig Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock, after which the remains were taken to Dunkirk for interment. Rev. Yager will conduct the services.

SCHOOL CLOSURES.

Basket Dinner and Program Held at the Wilderness School House Friday.

What was planned to be a basket dinner at the Wilderness School house, two miles south of Plymouth, turned out to be a surprise to the teacher, Henry White Friday, a. m., when the township trustee, John Richard, the Plymouth orchestra, county superintendent L. E. Steinebach and others, together with the patrons of the school, assembled, about 11:30 o'clock a. m. Friday was the closing day at the Wilderness school house, and the patrons were celebrating the event. A basket dinner in which all of the neighborhood contributed, was spread upon temporary tables provided for the purpose, and a spread which was more than sumptuous was indulged in. After the dinner a program consisting of numbers by the orchestra and remarks by the teacher, Mr. White, county superintendent Steinebach, trustee Richard, and patrons of the school was given. A petition was read, which asked the trustee to return Mr. White to the Wilderness school, next year. Mr. Richard promptly responded that the return would be made, provided Mr. White was willing. Mr. White read the roll of honor for the year, which is composed of the pupils, who have been neither tardy nor absent during the year. Four pupils merited diplomas in this roll, they being Belle Ackles, Harold Schoner, Earl York and Arthur York. In addition to the roll of honor, Mr. White presented each with a book. The affair was a successful one, and greatly enjoyed by all who attended.

SHOP CHANGES HANDS.

W. A. Rhinehart Buys Felton Barber Shop at Mishawaka.

W. A. Rhinehart of Plymouth has bought the Henry Felton barber shop at 106 West Second street at Mishawaka and took possession this morning. Mr. Rhinehart is a man of family and will bring them here shortly, expecting to make Mishawaka his future home. In celebration of his retiring from business, Mr. Felton took his assistants to South Bend in the Harvey auto Saturday and entertained them at a banquet at the Cable restaurant. The men in turn presenting their former employer with a valuable gold ring. He has resided here 6 years and has been engaged in business three years. He has not yet decided on where he will locate.—South Bend Times.

Buys Fine Cattle.

M. A. Pesch, proprietor of the City Meat Market, yesterday purchased fifteen head of cattle from Daniel Machel, residing west of Plymouth, to be slaughtered at the Pesch slaughter house, and to be sold in the local market. The cattle constituted as fine a lot of animals as could be seen anywhere and averaged about 1200 pounds each.

TEAM TO SOUTH BEND.

High School Base Ball Nine to Cross Bats With Benders Saturday.

The P. H. S. base ball team went to South Bend Saturday to play their first game with the South Bend high team. The members composing the local team are Walter Thayer, Paul Thayer, Earl Schroeter, Otis Williams, Ira Michler, Cyril Foreman, Gerald Schreve, Floyd Keibert, Thompson Myers and Otto Long. Prof. O. E. McDowell accompanied the team, as did also Henry Humrichouser and Paul Singrey.

Hibbard Happenings.

While going from here to Plymouth, Mrs. Louis Clifton left on the train, a purse containing \$25.

Maris Rish of Plymouth is spending the week here.

Mrs. Henry Lichtenberger made a business trip to Culver Saturday.

Four of the eighth grade pupils wrote for graduation Saturday.

Miss Ada Albert and Miss Hattie Lichtenberger were in Culver Saturday.

Charles Sueigler of Chicago, spent Saturday night and Sunday with his wife.

NEW FIRE ALARM SYSTEM FOR CITY

Whistle Being Installed at Electric Light Plant—City Will be Divided Into Districts and Location of Fires Indicated by Whistle.

A large "nightingale" fire whistle, eight inches in diameter, and twenty-two inches in height to be used only for giving alarm of fire in the city was installed at the electric light plant Tuesday. The city council is now hard at work, in districting off the city of Plymouth, which is expected to be completed within one week, after which the complete system of fire alarm in the city will be changed. The old system of telephoning the telephone exchange, giving the name of the building or its occupant, in which a fire was raging, has long been found lacking. The fire at the Gas plant Sunday was an example of the inefficiency of the present fire system in Plymouth. Hitherto, Central at the telephone exchange gave notice of a fire to the Water Works plant, which blew the alarm. The person who happened to be nearest the fire station, would ring the bell, and automatically open the doors to the station. Then would come a delay in determining the location of the fire. Central would have to be called, the name of the location learned, and a description of its whereabouts determined. Very often this was misleading and the fire department would encircle many blocks before finally reaching the fire.

Sunday the central told chief Kuhn, that the fire was at the Gas office, opposite the Lake Erie Depot. The chief interpreted that to mean the elevator, which had been purchased by a party named Gast, and the department traveled many blocks out of its way to the L. E. and W. tracks on Garro street to learn that the fire was "at the Gas Plant," opposite the Lake Erie and Western tracks, many blocks farther north. With the installation of the new system, this will be all changed. There will be no more mistakes. When the alarm is blown, every person in town will know where the fire is, and there will be no subsequent telephoning or delay.

Great Advantage.

As stated above, the central portion of the city will consist of one square block to the district. Each of the factories, as the Basket Factory, Novelty Works, Abrasive Works etc., will also constitute a district. In the outlying residence districts, a larger area will constitute a district, in order to limit the numbers from becoming too great. The first district will consist of the first block north of the bridge on Michigan street, extending from the bridge to the corner of Laporte street, including the south side of Laporte street west to Center street, thence south to the river, thence back to the starting point along the river. The second district will be the square block on the other side of the street, beginning at the river bridge on Michigan street, thence north to Laporte, thence east to the first street which is followed south to the river. The numbers will proceed north to the end of the city limits on Michigan street the even numbers being on the east side of Michigan street, and the odd numbers on the west side. This is an illustration of the system, which when completed will be published in full in this paper.

City to be Districted.

The city of Plymouth, will be divided into 40 districts more or less. In the central portion of the city, one square block, consisting of four sides will constitute one district. These districts will be numbered, and when a fire breaks out, the person who gives the alarm must also give the number of the district. Central will then ring a special fire alarm in the electric light plant, and give the number of the district in which the fire is. The alarm of the fire will then be given, by a long weird blast of the great nightingale whistle. This whistle will then follow with the number of the district. In blowing the number, each long blast will represent the number ten, and each short blast will be one. Thus, if the fire is in district thirty-six for

Cards Will be Posted.

As soon as the city is districted off cards will be printed, showing every fire district in the city. One of these cards will be posted near each telephone in Plymouth. The commissioner of streets of the city, will have charge of the posting of these cards. Each card when posted will be marked by the commissioner, showing in what district that phone is located. In case of a fire, a glance at the card will show in what district the fire is located, and the giving of the alarm can be executed instantly.

Decorate Day.

A series of three games will be played on Sunday May 29th, and Monday May 30. These three games will be with the Gary Independent team. One game will be played on Sunday, May 29th and two games on the next day, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Plans are being made for holding races on the afternoon of Monday, May 30th in connection with the base ball game. If possible motorcycle races of different lengths will be held, which races will be featured and will no doubt be a great drawing card for the entertainment.

Move to Indianapolis.

Jesse Koffel has sold his property on west Washington street to M. A. Pesch and left Thursday for Indianapolis where he will make his home with his daughter Miss Lulu Koffel.

LAST TERM TO BEGIN NEXT WEEK

APRIL SESSION OF MARSHALL CIRCUIT COURT TO CONVENE NEXT MONDAY.

Jury Commissioners Meet and Draw List of Jurymen for Last Session Before Recession.

The April term of the Marshall circuit court will convene next Monday afternoon. This is the last term before the summer recess and will be of six weeks duration. The jury commissioners, Michael Ryan and J. F. Ray, and county clerk Joseph E. Whitesell met Monday morning, and drew the following list of jurymen to serve during the next term of the circuit court.

Grand Jury.

Alfred Machling, Tippecanoe township; Charles J. Larson, West tp; Norman A. Goodrich, Center tp; Sherman Ellis, Center tp; Seymour Stoll, Polk tp; Oscar Tribbey, Center tp.

Petit Jury.

Charles E. Romig, Green tp; Wm. L. Berlin, Center tp; Wm. Schlosser, German tp; Wm. H. Bollman, Center tp; George W. Halt, North tp; Joseph N. Smith, West tp; Henry M. Batsley, German tp; George N. McCullough, Polk tp; Barney W. Ross, Polk tp; Willis W. Thomburg, Green tp; Wm. Garver, Walnut tp; Jahue Johnson, Tippecanoe tp.

LOCAL TEAM TO GATHER MAY FIRST

FIRST BASE BALL GAME OF SEASON WILL BE WITH TIPTON ON SUNDAY NEXT MONTH.

Personell of the Team Will Not be Known Until League Teams are Made Up—Celebration on Decoration Day.

The first base ball game of the season in Plymouth will be played between the Clippers and the Tipton team, on Sunday, May 1st. The local team will be got together a few days before that date, according to Manager Wm. F. Ormond. The fair grounds have been leased for the year 1910, the rent having been paid for the same out of the balance on hand from last year. The committee on subscriptions for the Plymouth Driving Club, will begin work within a few days, in soliciting funds for financing the starting of the base ball team for the coming season. Manager Ormond is at present in communication with several prospective candidates for the Plymouth team, among whom are many fast players, at present trying out with league teams. Several of these players, if not needed or released from the league teams with which they are trying out, will be secured for the local team and thus the personell of the team will not be known until a couple of weeks. Some of the players have already been practically secured, and Ormond stated this morning that the prospects are strong for two excellent twirlers.

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CIVIL WAR LANDMARK IS BEING REMOVED

Palmer Building on Laporte Street, One of the Old Business Rooms of Plymouth, Being Town Down to Make Room for the March of Progress.

The razing of the old Palmer building on Laporte street, work on which was begun yesterday, will remove one of the pioneer landmarks of Plymouth of which there are only a few others remaining. The old frame building has been standing for over a half century, having been built before the war, and is a typical building of civil war times, in this city. The old frame, was in its time considered a mammoth structure, one of the finest store buildings in town, and in the time of its prosperity, netted for its owners and tenants, a goodly share of several fortunes, which were made in Plymouth in early days.

The old structure which is now being torn down, was built by Gilson S. Cleveland in the year 1856. At the time of its construction, it was only one story high, and the floor stood on a level with the ground. Cleveland conducted a general store in the building. It is needless to say that almost all of the stores were "general" stores then, in which all kinds of produce was purchased

destroyed later by fire, and has come to be replaced by the present brick structure. Returning to the subject of this sketch, the Palmer building—Cleveland continued alone in the business until 1862 when times became hard, and he closed up his store. Later the building was rented to Chas. Palmer, who moved his furniture and undertaking establishment into it, from across the street, where he had been in business. Shortly after moving into the building Palmer bought it. Palmer prospered in the building, and raised the room upon the stone foundations, which it is now standing upon, double sided it, and added the second story, for his rapidly increasing business. Palmer remained there until 1887 when he sold out to J. Maltby, who came from Rochester, and continued the furniture business. At this day, there are many pieces of furniture in the city of Plymouth purchased from this dealer, and the bottoms of many chairs, etc., in the city, bear the black lettering "J. Maltby." Maltby was in business in the old

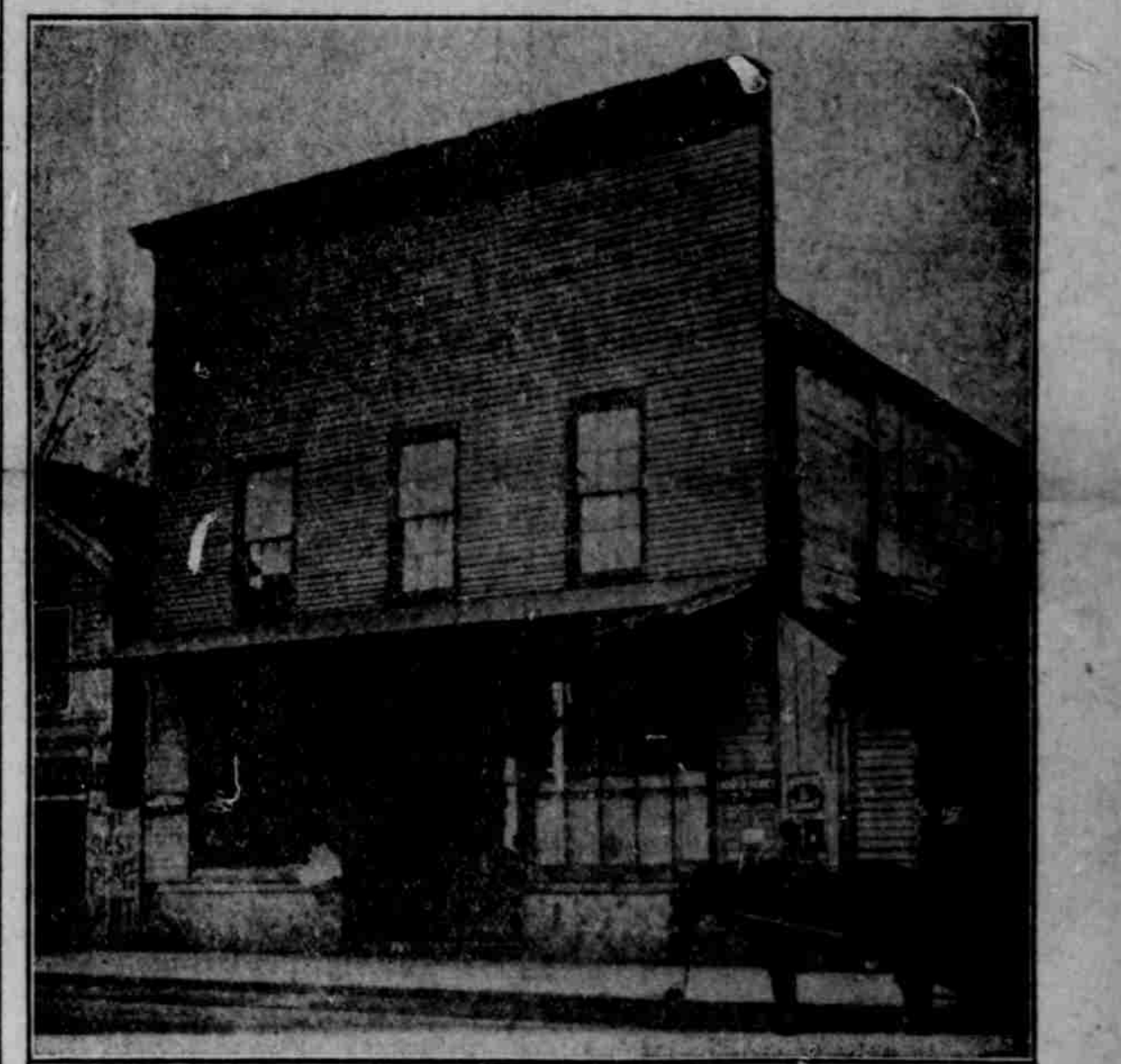


PHOTO BY MACHLING
The Palmer Building a Relic of War Days.

ed from farmers, and provisions, furnishings, clothing, etc., of all manner, was exchanged or sold. Mr. Cleveland constructed a narrow gauge railway running from his store to the corner of the street, where the Plymouth Inn building now stands, and small cars running on these rails, carried the produce, as it was unloaded from wagons, into the store. At that time, there was an alley on the side of the building, Cleveland took in a partner shortly after starting his business, Rufus Hewitt by name. Together they operated the general store for five years, when Hewitt left the firm to go in business with Woodward, forming the firm of Hewitt and Woodward. This new firm opened up in the first brick building ever constructed in Plymouth, which was built by Norman S. Woodward, on the location now occupied by the Bunnell Furniture store. The construction of the brick building was begun in 1860, and was in progress when Ft. Sumpter was fired upon. This building was

room for five or six years, when he sold his stock to Charles Leonard. This latter furniture dealer and undertaker remained in the room until about twelve years ago, when he removed to the room which he now occupies on the corner of Michigan and Laporte streets. Leonard had been in the furniture and undertaking business before, located in the old Kendall building on Michigan street. He sold out to Thomas Shakes, and started a grocery store. Later he disposed of the grocery store to buy the business of Maltby.

Since Charles Leonard left the old room, it has been used for miscellaneous purposes, rummage sales, bowling alley, shooting gallery, sample room for hotels, and other promiscuous purposes, but has not been occupied steadily by any one business. The lot and building has come into the possession of Harry Buck, who put workmen at work, tearing down the old hulk—one of the pioneer landmarks of Plymouth.

NAMES CULVER CADET

President Selects Son of Major John S. Mallory for One of His Appointments.

Culver, Ind., April 13.—Cadet Henry R. Mallory of the present graduating class at the Culver Military Academy is among the list of President Taft's latest appointments at large to the national military academy at West Point. Mr. Mallory's father is Major John S. Mallory of the 12th infantry, U. S. A., and was until recently on duty with the general staff of the army at Washington. Four years ago he made the annual inspection at Culver and afterward sent his son to the academy.

WILL REPAIR BRIDGE.

East Garro Street Structure to be Improved and Not Replaced, as Stated.

The east Garro street foot bridge is to be repaired and improved instead of replaced, as stated in the Tribune last evening. The repairs will cost \$650. New abutments are to be built, a new railing substituted, and other improvements made.

Mrs. James Megan.

Mrs. James Megan died at her home in North Township Wednesday evening. The funeral was held at St. Michael's Catholic church, Friday morning at 10:00 o'clock. Interment at St. Michael's cemetery.